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Media Bureau Announces Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in the Matter of Standardized and Enhanced Disclosure Requirements for Television Broadcast Licensee Public Interest Obligations Published in Federal Register November 22, 2011

NPRM Comment Date: December 22, 2011 NPRM Reply Comment Date: January 6, 2012

On October 27, 2011, the Commission adopted and released a Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in the *Matter of Standardized and Enhanced Disclosure Requirements for Television Broadcast Licensee Public Interest Obligations.*¹ In the *Enhanced Disclosure FNPRM*, the Commission seeks comment on a series of proposals to modernize the way television broadcasters inform the public about how they are serving their communities. The Commission set deadlines for filing comments and reply comments at 30 and 45 days, respectively, after publication of the *Enhanced Disclosure FNPRM* in the Federal Register.²

By this *Public Notice*, the Media Bureau announces that the *Enhanced Disclosure FNPRM* was published in the Federal Register today, November 22, 2011.³ Comments must be submitted no later than December 22, 2011. Reply Comments must be submitted no later than January 6, 2012. Commenters should follow the filing instructions provided in paragraph 55 of the *Enhanced Disclosure FNPRM*. The *Enhanced Disclosure FNPRM* is also available on the Commission's website.⁵ As a reminder, we ask commenters to limit the comments filed in Docket 00-168 to those related to the online posting requirement as discussed in this *Enhanced Disclosure FNPRM*. Comments relating to the standardized

¹ MB Docket No. 00-168, 00-44; Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making, FCC 11-162 (rel. October 27, 2011) ("Enhanced Disclosure FNPRM").

² See Enhanced Disclosure FNPRM at 1.

³ Standardized and Enhanced Disclosure Requirements for Television Broadcast Licensee Public Interest Obligations; Extension of the Filing Requirement For Children's Television Programming Report (FCC Form 398), 76 Fed. Reg. 72144 (Nov. 22, 2011).

⁴ Enhanced Disclosure FNPRM at 24-25, ¶ 55.

⁵ See http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2011/db1027/FCC-11-162A1.doc (Word), http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2011/db1027/FCC-11-162A1.doc (Word), http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2011/db1027/FCC-11-162A1.doc (Word), http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2011/db1027/FCC-11-162A1.pdf (Acrobat).

programming form as discussed in the *Matter of Standardized Reporting Requirements for Broadcast Licensees* should only be filed in Docket 11-189.⁶

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⁶ MB Docket No. 11-189, Notice of Inquiry, FCC 11-169 (rel. Nov. 14, 2011). This Notice of Inquiry has not yet been published in the Federal Register, and therefore the comment deadlines have not yet been established.